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KISHANGANGA HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to reconfigure the Kishanganga Hydro-electric Project in J&K to overcome Pakistani objections;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the installed capacity of the project;

(c) whether it will now be a run-of-the river Project and not a storage-cum- Hydroelectric one as planned earlier;

(d) if so, whether the Power generation capacity is likely to be affected; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : The Government has formulated a revised scheme for implementation of the Kishanganga Hydro-electric Project, with an installed capacity of 330 MW, b y National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) in the Central Sector in Jammu & Kashmir with a view to reduce the cost of the project and to preserve the varied bio-diversity along with the ethnic and cultural identity of the Gurez Valley.

In the revised scheme, the height of the dam has been reduced from 77 m to 35.48 m. The live capacity of the reservoir has been reduced from 173.75 Million Cubic Meters (MCM) to 7.55 MCM. The reduction in the dam height and the live capacity of the reservoir would reduce the displacement of human population and subsequent rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) effects.

(c) to (e) : Under the revised scheme, the Kishanganga HEP would now be a run-of- the-river scheme. The installed capacity of the project remains unchanged with a reduction in energy generation from 1437.03 million units to 1350.03 million units per annum, i.e. by only about 6%.